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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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Legislation Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT Records regarding Kennedy Assassination

1. On 15 May, Representative McKinney introduced a resolution that would permit the Archivist of the U.S. to release for public use the records of the Select Committee on Assassinations. The resolution was referred to the Committee on House Administration. Under the terms of the Resolution, the Archivist would be permitted to withhold records that the Select Committee voted to keep secret, records with respect to which the Select Committee guaranteed confidentiality and records the release of which are inconsistent with the privileges of the House. A copy of the resolution is attached for your information.

2. It is my understanding that certain of these records may contain information provided by the Agency to the Select Committee. Your views on how this resolution could impact on the Agency would be most welcome

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99TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 173

Providing for accelerated release for public use of certain records of the former
Select Committee on Assassinations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 1985

Mr. MCKINNEY (for himself, Mr. FAUNTROY, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. EDGAR, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. DYMALLY, Mr. LAGOMARSINO, Mr. GREEN, Mr. HORTON, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. LaFALCE, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. DEL-
LUMS, Mr. BATES, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MORRISON of Connecticut, Mr. FRANK, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BOEHLERT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Providing for accelerated release for public use of certain
records of the former Select Committee on Assassinations.

- 1 *Resolved*, That notwithstanding any provision of law,
2 rule, or other authority (including House Resolution 288,
3 Eighty-third Congress, agreed to June 16, 1953), the Clerk
4 of the House shall permit the Archivist of the United States
5 to release for public use the records specified in section 2.
6 SEC. 2. The records referred to in the first section are
7 the records of the Select Committee on Assassinations of the

1 Ninety-fourth Congress and of the Ninety-fifth Congress,
2 other than (as determined by the Clerk)—

3 (1) records that the Select Committee on Assassi-
4 nations voted to keep secret;

5 (2) records with respect to which the Select Com-
6 mittee on Assassinations guaranteed confidentiality to a
7 witness in executive session; and

8 (3) records the release of which is inconsistent
9 with the privileges of the House.

10 SEC. 3. The Clerk of the House shall have authority to
11 disapprove the release of any record under this resolution. In
12 exercising that authority, the Clerk shall, to the greatest
13 extent practicable, apply the guidelines used by the Adminis-
14 trator of General Services for release of records of the
15 President's Commission on the Assassination of President
16 Kennedy.

17 SEC. 4. The Clerk of the House and the Archivist of the
18 United States shall cooperate in the carrying out of this reso-
19 lution and shall give priority to review and release of records
20 under this resolution.

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